

Warsaw Signal-Extra.

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ARREST OF COL. DAVENPORTS MURDERERS.

We learn by the Western Belle, that on Sunday night last three of Col. Davenport's murderers, who are Mormons, were arrested at the mouth of Devil Creek, Lee County Iowa.

The circumstances which led to the arrest were these. About two weeks since, a gun was accidentally discovered in a pool near the house of a Mormon by the name of Redmon. Further search being made a pistol was also discovered. These were taken to Fort Madison, and there the gun, was identified as being, the fowling piece which belonged to Col. Davenport. Col. D's son was sent for, and on his appearance, not only identified the gun but also produced the mate to the pistol. Writs were immediately issued for the apprehension of the two Redmons who hearing that the Sheriff was coming for them, collected ten of their gang to resist the service of process. The Sheriff, being apprised of this, ordered out the Fort Madison Military Company and proceeded to Redmon's house on Sunday night last, where they surrounded the premises and took the scoundrels prisoners. The Redmons are the men who harbored the Hodges on the night before the murder of Leisse. There is said to be other suspicious circumstances which will make out a strong case against the Redmons and one other of their party.

We publish the proceedings of several meetings held in the adjoining counties, and in Missouri, by which it will be seen, that the people are aware of the situation of the old settlers and are determined the Mormons shall leave. The resolutions are spirited and decided in their tone, and we are confident they will meet the approval of all who regard the welfare of the old citizens and the prosperity of Hancock County.

ADJOURNED MEETING AT QUINCY.

An adjourned meeting of the citizens of Quincy, was held at the Court House on the 23d of Sept., to hear the report of the Nauvoo committee, when the following resolutions were adopted.

1. Resolved, That we accept and recommend, to the people of the surrounding counties, to accept the proposition made by the Mormons, to remove from the state next spring; but we accept it as an unconditional proposition to remove—we do not intend to bring ourselves under any obligation to purchase their property, nor to furnish purchasers for the same, but we will in no way hinder or obstruct them in their efforts to sell, and will expect them to dispose of their property, and remove at the time appointed.

2. Resolved, That we do not endorse the enumeration of grievances made by the Mormons in their printed proposition to remove, or in any way yield our assent thereto;—but we do not believe them to be a persecuting people, but we believe whatever grievances they may suffer to be the legitimate consequences of their own conduct.

3. Resolved, That it is now too late to attempt the settlement of the difficulties in Hancock County upon any other basis than that of the removal of the Mormons from the State.

4. Resolved, That whilst we shall endeavour by all means in our power, to prevent the occurrence of any thing which might operate against their removal, and afford the people of Nauvoo any ground of complaint, we shall equally expect good faith upon their part; and if they shall not comply with their own proposition, the consequence must rest on those who violate faith—and we now solemnly pledge ourselves to be ready at the appointed time to act on occasion may require, and that we will immediately adopt preliminary military organization, for prompt future action if occasion should demand it.

5. Resolved, That we respectfully recommend to the people of surrounding counties, to wait with patience the time appointed for removal, and that if in their opinion the resolutions passed by this meeting are such as the occasion requires, they adopt them, and send copies to the church authorities at Nauvoo.

6. Resolved, That in our opinion, the peace of Hancock County cannot be so far restored, as to allow the desired progress to be made, in preparing the way for the removal of the Mormons, while J. B. Bickensius remains Sheriff of Hancock County and he ought to resign the said office.

7. Resolved, That we recommend to all parties in Hancock County, that they suspend all legal prosecutions for alleged offences, during the present state of excitement; and that all should be permitted to return to their homes in peace.

8. Resolved, That in our opinion it will only be necessary for the people of Nauvoo, to appoint commissioners on their part, to whom applications for the purchase of real estate may be made; and that there is no necessity to appoint Commissioners on the other side.

9. Resolved, That in order to manifest our sympathy with the unoffending poor, the widow and orphans of Nauvoo, a committee of twenty, with a treasurer be appointed by the Citizens, whose duty it shall be to receive subscriptions from all those desirous of collecting pecuniary aid to such persons; and that the amount collected be paid over to such persons as they shall appoint to receive it, upon their being ready to start upon their journey of removal.

10. Resolved, That we expect, as an indispensable condition to the gratification of the county, that the old citizens of Hancock County be permitted to return to their homes, unmolested by the present Sheriff and the Mormons for the offences alleged against them; and that any attempt on their part to arrest or prosecute such citizens will inevitably lead to a removal of all the disorders.

11. Resolved, That the Judge of this Judicial Circuit be requested not to hold any court, in Hancock County, this fall, with a view to prevent unnecessary excitement and collision in said county, which might inflame the passions of its citizens and so endanger its peace—it being well known that the unpleasant difficulties already existing there, have entirely prevented the due, impartial, and orderly administration of justice.

12. Resolved, That this meeting deem it proper to recommend that a small military force be stationed in Hancock County until next spring to prevent depredations upon private property, and preserve the peace of said county—and that it be respectfully, yet earnestly recommended to the Executive of this State, to furnish the same for the purposes above named.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed for the purpose of adopting and carrying into operation a volunteer military organization for Adams County; and said committee are hereby authorized to do all things lawful, necessary, and proper, for the purpose of preparing such a force without delay, to be used to preserve the peace of this and the adjoining counties.

Resolved, That the committee appointed to visit Nauvoo, deserves and receives our warmest thanks for the prompt, able, and efficient manner, in which they discharged the duty confided to them.

Resolved, That the Chairman of this meeting be and is hereby vested with full power and authority, to call an adjourned meeting, at any time he may deem the public exigencies may require it.

Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the City papers, and copies thereof transmitted to the Governor of the State, and to the Church Authorities of Nauvoo, by the Chairman and Secretary of this meeting.

PROCEEDINGS

Of a Public Meeting of the citizens of Henderson County at McQueen's mill Sept. 30th 1845;

ON THE SUBJECT OF MOR-MON DIFFICULTIES.

Whereas a disturbance has arisen between the old citizens of Hancock County and the Mormons. And whereas from

our knowledge of the old citizens of Hancock, they have always been previous to the settlement of the Mormons in that county peaceable, and law abiding citizens of the state of Illinois, that ever since the settlement of Mormons in Hancock, complaints have been continually made by the surrounding neighborhood of their property being stolen, their houses robbed, and in some instances, their inmates murdered by the inhabitants of Nauvoo, that it has become a den of thieves, a refuge for all who seek to live without work, and to prey upon their industrious neighbours, that no mans life, or property is safe, who is at all inimical to the Mormon Clique, that we believe, that the old citizens have suffered as much as human endurance is capable of, and that the issue is near at hand, (as it has formerly been to the citizens of Ohio and Missouri,) whether we or the Mormons shall possess this our beautiful land.

1. Therefore Resolved, That our acquaintance with Mormons, and Mormonism, convinces us that a removal of that people from the state of Illinois, is essential to peace and order.

2. Resolved, That the citizens of Henderson County, will actively co-operate with the citizens of Hancock and the adjoining Counties, in enforcing, if necessary, after the expiration of due time and notice, the removal and expulsion of organized bodies of Mormons, from this state.

3. Resolved, that we do not wish to be considered enemies of the Mormons on account of their religion, but because of their trespasses upon the rights and privileges of their neighbours and their abridgement of public justice, which things are a matter of History in Illinois.

4. Resolved, That a committee of six, be appointed to attend the Anti Mormon Convention to be held in Carthage, on Wednesday the first of October next, to communicate the views and wishes, of this meeting.

A. G. TREMBLE, Chairman.

ASA JOHNSON, Secretary.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee in pursuance of the fourth resolution.

JOHN PEASLEE.

SAMUEL LOGAN.

ROBERT CROWNOVER.

A. G. TREMBLE.

LAMBERT HOPPER.

ASA JOHNSON.

PROCEEDINGS

Of a Public Meeting of the Citizens of Warren County, held at the Court House in Monmouth Sept. 27th, 1845;

On the Subject of Mormon difficulties.

Preamble—whereas a disturbance has arisen between the old citizens of Hancock County and the Mormons. And whereas from our knowledge of the old citizens of Hancock they have always been previous to the settlement of the Mormons in that County, peaceable and law abiding citizens of the state of Illinois. That ever since the settlement of the Mormons in Hancock complaints have been continually made by the surrounding neighborhood, of their property being stolen, their houses robbed and in some instances their inmates murdered, by the inhabitants of Nauvoo. That it has become a den of Thieves, a refuge for all whom seek to live without work and to prey upon their industrious neighbours. That no mans life or property is safe who is at all inimical to the Mormon Clique, that we believe that the old citizens have suffered as much as human endurance is capable of, and that the issue is near at hand to us (as it has formerly been to the citizens of Ohio and Missouri) whether we or the Mormons shall possess this our beautiful land.

Therefore Resolved, That our acquaintance with Mormons and Mormonism convinces us that a removal of that people from the state of Illinois is essential to peace and order.

2. Resolved, That the citizens of Warren County will actively co-operate with the citizens of Hancock and the adjoining Counties, in enforcing, if necessary, after the expiration of due time and notice the removal and expulsion of organized bodies of Mormons from this state.

3. Resolved, That a committee of ten be appointed to notify those interested of the views and wishes of this meeting.

4. Resolved, That we do not wish to be considered enemies of the Mormons on account of their religion, but because of their trespasses upon the rights and privileges of their neighbors and their abridgement of public justice which things are a matter of history in Illinois.

SAMUEL HORNEY, Pres't.

A. C. HARDING, Secretary.

The following gentlemen were appointed a committee in pursuance of the third resolution.

JOHN H. MITCHELL.

C. MEALY.

A. C. HARDING.

Y. STRUTHERS.

DAVID MORROW.

D. McNEIL.

Col. JOHN B. JANKIN.

JEMISON LEIFER.

YOST HOFFMAN.

M. G. SMITH.

PUBLIC MEETING CHURCHVILLE.

At a meeting of the citizens of Clark County Missouri, held at the house of Granville Spurgeon in Churchville on Tuesday the 30th of Sept., for the purpose of taking into consideration the Mormon difficulties in Hancock County Illinois, Col. R. P. Mitchell was called to the Chair and Henry Saily appointed Secretary.

On motion of Col. Dedman, a Committee of six consisting of the following named persons was appointed to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of this meeting.

Col. Jno. D. Dorman, Jeremiah Wayland, S. Gregory, Wm. Baker, Jas. L. Henshaw and Judge Lewallen.

After retiring a few minutes the committee reported the following which were unanimously adopted.

Whereas from the experience we have had with the people called Mormons we believe them to be a villainous and threatening community, utterly unfit to live in any civilized land, and whereas a serious quarrel has arisen between the Mormon people and their neighbors in Hancock County Illinois growing out of a long continued scene of outrages and wrongs, heaped by the former upon the latter, and whereas in consequence of these difficulties many of the quiet and unoffending citizens of Hancock are now exiles from their homes and ask of us an asylum from Mormon injustice and oppressions, therefore be it.

1. Resolved, that we deeply sympathize with our brethren of Hancock County Illinois in their present troubles and believing as we do that they are sought for as the victims of malicious and revengeful persecution, we pledge ourselves to protect and defend them on our soil from the villainous attempts now making to sacrifice them at the shrine of Mormon Vengeance.

2. Resolved, That from our knowledge of the present position of Hancock County we believe that the old settlers, who we have ever esteemed as quiet and peaceable neighbors cannot obtain justice in their own county.

3. Resolved, That although Gov. Ford of Illinois has thought proper to address a proclamation to the citizens of Missouri and Iowa, warning us to take no part in the quarrel now pending in Hancock County, we shall nevertheless act as freemen, possessing hearts that can sympathize with our fellow men when wronged, and hands that can assist them when called on in maintaining their rights.

4. Resolved That we believe that the evil, under which the old settlers of Hancock County Illinois groan, have been greatly aggravated, by the interference of corrupt politicians, who for the sake of Mormon votes, appear willing to sacrifice the prosperity of one of the most favored spots of Illinois, and were it not for the political influence of the Mormons, Gov. Ford, would long ere this have caused their removal from the state.

5. Resolved, That as Gov. Ford has volunteered to advise us, and as one good turn deserves another, we therefore recommend him to take Liburne W. Boggess as a pattern for his action in relation to the Mormons.

6. Resolved, that the papers of this State and the Warsaw Signal be requested to publish these proceedings.

(Signed) R. P. Mitchell Ch'n
(Signed) Henry Saily, Sec't.